



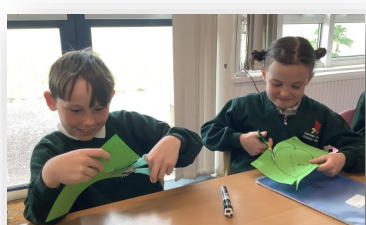
# In A Nutshell

Headteacher's Newsletter Summer Term 2026 Week 5

Dear All

First, I must say how unbelievably proud the staff are of all the Year 6s. This week, they have undertaken their National KS2 SATs which involves grammar, spelling, reading papers as well as three maths papers! They took each exam in their stride, despite initial nerves and the madness of the weather!! I have never seen so much rain and hail during tests before! We know whatever the results, they have certainly given their best– which is always our expectation. They have spent today in their own clothes, and have chosen sports, playing with the parachute, and they really wanted to play hide and seek! They will be back to normal next week as they focus on their National Writing pieces.

It always makes me wonder why National Well-being Week is during a time when many years undertake exams! To celebrate this week, Year 4 celebrated with a nature scavenger hunt focusing on enjoying the outside and identifying things we might not normally notice or appreciate. They then discussed how to maintain our wellbeing and each of them created a leaf with one thing they could do to stay happy and healthy! Year 6 and I celebrated last week cuddling a 16 week old labrador puppy who was training to be a guide dog!



Year 5 have been very busy too, as they have been at The Whitgift Primary Project all week. They have had lessons in Japanese, music, computing animation, walked with peacocks and flamingos as well as sports lessons! They were so lucky! Reception have been learning about bees and how they make honey. The children were fascinated to find out that bees pass nectar to each other by their tongue (proboscis) to turn the nectar into honey! They then created a collaborative art project, putting together hexagons to create a giant honeycomb!



Finally, today, we hosted Dragon's Den, with year groups showcasing their enterprise for the Summer Fair next Friday. We have popcorn stalls, nachos, lemonade and lemon biscuits, sweets, cupcakes and sun catches and fruit cups! We can't wait to see as many as possible on the school field from 3.15pm next Friday.



Hamsey's Eurovision entry!!

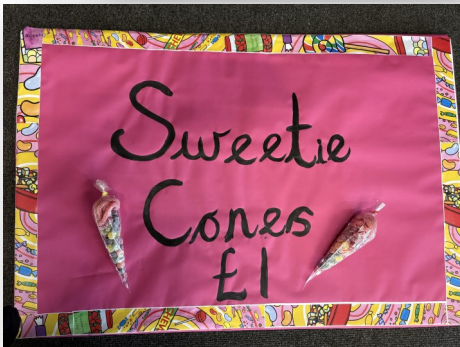


Children can wear their own clothes to school on the Fair day, Friday 22nd May. Don't forget to purchase your wristbands on Arbor or after school on Wednesday and Thursday.

**Looking forward to seeing the Reception parents and carers next Thursday at 8.45am in the main hall for their Reception Class Assembly and Year 2's at 2pm for their Victorian Exhibition!**

Wishing you a lovely weekend!

*Mrs Mace*





This week in nursery, the children explored the topic of celebrations, linked to our Little Wandles book - 'Amazing' about a little boy and his pet dragon who enjoyed parties. They enjoyed taking part in a range of creative and hands-on activities linked to parties and special occasions. The children used their imaginations to decorate party hats and make colourful playdough cakes, adding candles and decorations as they talked about birthdays and celebrations they have enjoyed.

In maths and construction, the children worked together to build numbered Lego towers, practising their counting and number recognition skills while developing teamwork and problem-solving.

Our younger children have enjoyed colour mixing, printing, music and movement and shape sorting games.

The changing weather also brought a surprise for everyone, and the children were delighted to go outside and catch hailstones, observing the icy pellets and talking about how they felt and melted in their hands.

We have also had a busy week deciding and making a sample of what the nursery planned to make and sell at the school fair next week. The children were keen to bake something to sell and had fun making a sample to send to Dragons Den.

In our daily Little Wandles phonic sessions, we focused on the letter Y.



If you have any problems with Arbor such as logging in, selecting meal choices etc., please contact the office at [office@hamseytlt.co.uk](mailto:office@hamseytlt.co.uk) in the first instance and not the class teacher. The office staff can usually solve any issues very quickly!

If your child has an asthma inhaler in school—please come and check with the office that what we have is adequate should your child need to use it during the school day. We have had quite a high need of children needing to use their inhalers over the last couple of weeks. Thank you for your co-operation.

### Communication this week

If you receive a letter that is addressed to another student, please return it unopened to the school office. Thank you for your help.

- 11.05.2026—Email re Year 3 Chessington trip
- 12.05.2026—Email to Year R—child and family wellbeing questionnaire
- 12.05.2026—Email to Yrs R-6 re class photos
- 12.05.2026—Email to Year 1 Bodium trip
- 13.05.2026—Email re change of menu choices
- 13.05.2026—Email re World Bee day menu
- 14.05.2026—Email to Yrs 3-6 re Mr Boffa's bonfire bash



### Attendance

1st place: Blackman (5) - 99.2%  
 2nd place: Bunzl (3) - 98.67%  
 3rd place: Morpurgo (6) - 98.67%


Whole school: 96.5%

### Collection of Hamsey Green children by older siblings

Please be reminded that children can only be collected by someone over the age **16**; unless we have been given written permission from a parent for those in Years 5 and 6 to leave without an adult.

### After school activities

If your child is not going to be attending an after school activity but has been in school that day, please can you **inform the office** and not the class teacher. The office maintain the registers for all clubs and need to be aware of any child who is not going to be in attendance. Thank you for your co-operation.



Children should **NOT** be riding their scooters or bikes through the staff car park, down the driveway or through the playground at the beginning or end of the school day. Please ask the children to dismount and ensure you supervise your children whilst they are on them. Adults have reported some children are riding on the school grounds that is likely to cause an accident or damage to cars. Thank you for your co-operation.

## PARKING & ROAD SAFETY

Once again, we have had some phonecalls from neighbouring properties regarding inconsiderate parking and unacceptable behaviour/language towards our neighbours at drop off and pick up times. **Please park considerately around the neighbouring properties to the school. According to the Highway Code it is an offence to park across driveways and it is illegal to park over dropped kerbs. Parking on a private driveway without consent is a civil offence of trespass and may result in prosecution. This is applicable even if you have put your hazard lights on.** A number of parents have raised concerns regarding speeding traffic on Tithepit Shaw Lane at drop off and collection times. Please complete the road safety assessment form for Surrey to assess the road. [Select the option most like the issue - Report a highway issue - Surrey County Council \(surreycc.gov.uk\)](#) - please select Road Safety Outside a School. Should anyone be interested, there is a vacancy for Road Crossing Patrol for outside the school. This is a paid vacancy through Surrey County Council.



### Absences, medical appointments & sickness

**If your child is absent from school or has a medical appointment, please email [absence@hamseytlt.co.uk](mailto:absence@hamseytlt.co.uk) or leave a message on the absence line (01883 622000 option 1).** Please let us know their full name, class and reason; including any symptoms they may be displaying. We do need to hear from an adult **each day** a child is absent for safeguarding reasons. Please do not bring your child to school if they have been sick during the night. If your child has been sick or has an upset stomach, children may be off school for 48 hours following the last episode, each case is dealt with separately.

**To avoid impacting your child's attendance ALL medical/dental/optician appointments should be booked outside of school hours**

Thank you for your co-operation.

[Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#) Please read this guidance before keeping your child off.

Monday 18th May	Rec-Yr6	Class photos	
Monday 18th May— Friday 22nd May	Whole School	Walk to school week/travel in a more sustainable way	
Tuesday 19th May 4-6pm	Netball Team yr 5/6	Rally at Hamsey	
Tuesday 19th May & Wednesday 20th May	Year 3	Feet First Walking training *	More information to follow
Wednesday 20th May	Year 5	Hampton Court trip	
Thursday 21st May 4-6pm	Football Team Yr 5/6	Rally at Hamsey	
Thursday 21st May 8:45am	Reception	Class assembly	
Thursday 21st May 2.15pm	Year 2	Class assembly (Victorian Museum)	
Thursday 21st May 3.10pm	Year 6 new classroom	Residential meeting	
Friday 22nd May 3:15pm—5:30pm	Whole School	PTA Summer Fair	<b>Children can wear their own clothes to school this day</b>
Monday 25th May— Friday 29th May		HALF TERM	

Monday 1st June – Friday 12th June	Yr 4	National Multiplication Check Assessment week	
Wednesday 3rd June	Yr 1	Bodiam Castle trip	
Thursday 4th June	Yr 3	Chessington Zoo trip	
Monday 8th June– Friday 12th June	Yr 1	National Phonics Check and Yr 2 re-check week	
Monday 8th June 4-5pm	Yr 3&4	Multiskills Comp at Woodlea	Selected pupils more info to follow
Thursday 11th June	Yr 4	British Wildlife Centre trip	
Thursday 11th June 4-5pm	Yr 1&2	Multiskills Comp at Woodlea	Selected pupils more info follow
Friday 12th June	3.15-5.30pm	Reserve date for Summer Fair	
Monday 15th– Wed 18th June	Yr 6	Residential trip	
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	3pm	PTA for children- 'loved ones' gift sale- small dining hall	
Friday 19th June 8:45am	Yr 4	Class assembly	
Friday 19th June 2pm	Yr 5	Class assembly	
Monday 22nd June 8:45am	Yr 3	Class assembly	
Monday 22nd June 2pm	Yr 1	Class assembly	
Thursday 25th June	KS1 & 2	Resiliency workshops in school	
Monday 29th June 4-5.30pm	KS2 selected pupils	DISTRICT SPORTS FIELD EVENTS	Selected pupils more info to follow
Tuesday 30th June & Wednesday 1st July	Yr 6	Warlingham Transition days	
Thursday 2nd July 4-6.00pm	KS2 selected pupils	DISTRICT SPORTS TRACK EVENTS	Selected pupils more info to follow
Friday 3rd July	Acorns & Hamsey	TANDRIDGE LEARNING TRUST ART EXHIBITION AT THE TRUST SITE	more info to follow
Monday 6th July	New Rec 6-7pm	New reception 2026 parent meeting	
Wednesday 8th July	8.45-10.00am	EYFS (Reception) SPORTS DAY	
	10.00-10.30 am	Parents can bring a snack to share with their children afterwards	
	10.15-11.30 am	KS1 (Y1 and Y2) SPORTS DAY	
	11.30-12.00 pm	Parents can bring a snack to share with their children afterwards	
	11.00– 11.30am	Acorns Nursery (pupils only at Acorns site) SPORTS DAY	
	1.00– 2.30pm	KS2 (Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6) SPORTS DAY	
	2.30-3.00pm	Parents can bring a snack to share with their children afterwards	
Thursday 9th July 4-5pm	Girls Football Team	Rally at Hamsey	Selected pupils more info to come

Friday 10th July 11-12pm	KS2	Swimming Gala at Whitgift	Selected pupils more info to follow
Monday 13th July		Class Swap Day- new 2026 Rec and Butterworth	
Wednesday 15th July 9am		Wednesday Rock Steady assembly	
Friday 17th July 9am		Friday Rock Steady assembly	
Friday 17th July 11.30am		Acorns Graduation	
Monday 20th July	8.20	PTA Second Hand Uniform donation drop off	
Monday 20th July 6-7.30pm	Yr 6	Year 6 parents/carers invited for The Leaver's Play	
Wednesday 22nd July	Rec-Yr 6	Summer Festival	£4.00 per ticket – snacks and drinks included – bookable on Arbor (to follow)
Thursday 23rd July 9-10.30am	Yr 6	Leaver's Assembly	
Thursday 23rd July	PRIMARY	Year 6 parents/carers invited for The Leaver's Assembly Rec-Year 5 OWN CLOTHES DAY END OF TERM EARLY FINISH PTA ICE-CREAM SALE	

The Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) has launched the [Switched on to privacy](#) campaign. This is designed to help parents and carers have conversations with their children about online privacy.

### Maintaining high attendance

**At primary school, children who have high attendance (95-100% attendance) in Year 6 are 30% more likely to achieve the expected standard in reading, writing and maths compared to similar pupils who miss just 2-4 weeks of school (90-95% attendance).**

#### Did you know?.....

Schools are charged by the weight for refuse removal? This is why we no longer have receptacles on the school grounds for rubbish.

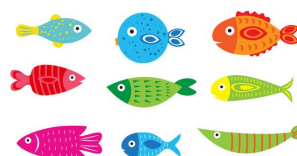
Please can we ask that you take your rubbish home with you and also why are encouraging the children to take their rubbish home to dispose of correctly. Thank you for your help.



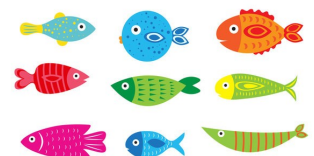
#### Swimming request

If you have any outgrown swimming costumes or swimming trunks in good condition for children that are year 5 or year 6 age group; we would be grateful to receive them as spares for the school.

We are also looking for any beach towels that are in good condition



too. If you have any of these items, please can they be washed and dropped into the school office? Thank you for your help.



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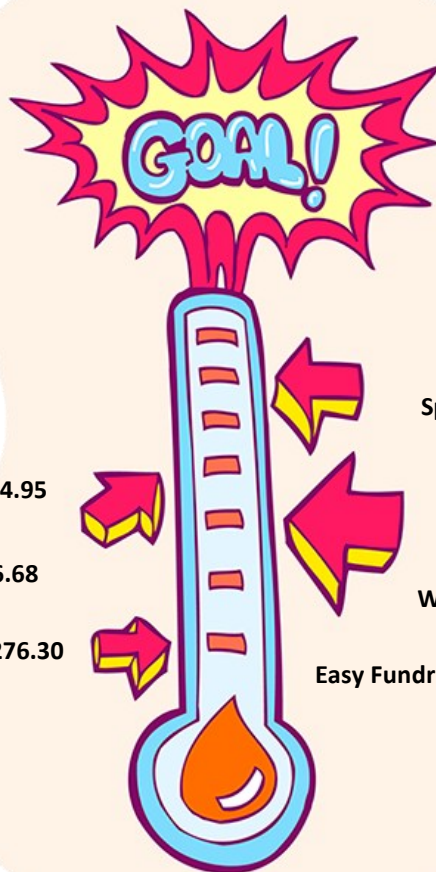
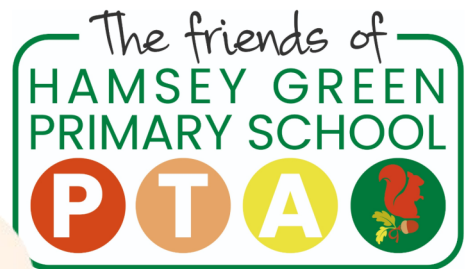


Red Nose Day £223.00 (final amount)

Children in Need £208.00

Save the Children £144.00

Macmillan coffee £275.35



Gifts for your loved one £294.95

Easter Events £206.68

Clothes bin and uniform sales £276.30

Sponsored Bounce £2,285.01

Winter Fair £3,006.32

Winter events £471.50

Easy Fundraising £264.78

**Contact email addresses for your information:**

[absence@hamseytlt.co.uk](mailto:absence@hamseytlt.co.uk)—for all absences including sickness and any medical appointments (future and on the day)

[basc@hamseytlt.co.uk](mailto:basc@hamseytlt.co.uk)—for all enquiries, bookings and amendments to bookings for wraparound care

[office@hamseytlt.co.uk](mailto:office@hamseytlt.co.uk)—for all other enquiries

**Healthy packed lunches**

We've noticed that some of the packed lunches coming into school are not necessarily healthy or nutritious. Please can you ensure that what you send in is enough to keep them going for their afternoon lessons.

**PLEASE REMEMBER WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL—THIS INCLUDES SPREADS THAT MAY CONTAIN NUTS INCLUDING NUTELLA. THIS IS ALSO APPLICABLE FOR ANY EDUCATIONAL TRIPS.**

A Guide to Building...

**Healthy Snacks & Lunchbox**

P2IP

Bring **WATER** everyday!

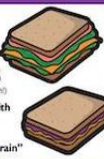
Putting tap water in a reusable bottle is FREE and will help keep your child hydrated all day!



**Whole Grains**

(Great for Snack or Lunch!)

Make sandwiches with whole grain bread. Look for labels that say "100% Whole Grain"



**Fruit**

(Great for Snack or Lunch!)

Pack fresh fruit each day for snack and lunch. These are easy, convenient ways to add fruits to your day



**Snacks**

Pack healthy snacks each day. Add a healthy sweet or savory treat.

Try whole grain crackers and pretzels for savory snacks or dried fruits for sweet treats.



**Veggies**

(Great for Snack or Lunch!)

Add veggies in your child's lunch. They add a healthy crunch instead of chips.



We are collecting used printer ink cartridges. Please bring them and put them into the recycling box in the office. We are unable to recycle toner or laser cartridges. Any cartridges recycled, helps the school to raise some money. Thank you!



We are regularly asked by parents, carers, grandparents and friends of the school as to how you can support the school to continue to provide a rich, wide-ranging curriculum and a high standard of education. If you would like and are able, to support the school and your child's education, please buy one of the books on our Amazon wishlist. This will arrive at school a few days later and be added to the children's non-fiction book box or class library.

[https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/3GIZF85XRY4MG?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/3GIZF85XRY4MG?ref=wl_share)



**School Uniform**

All uniform items are purchased through Price and Buckland directly. Price and Buckland will refer you back to us if it's stock that we hold. [Hamsey Green Primary School | Price & Buckland](#) Please be aware that any items ordered through Price & Buckland to be delivered to the school will take longer than if you pay for p&p for home delivery. **The order cut off for delivered to your home address is 1st August, in time for the new academic year.**

**10% discount valid until 18th May 2026—use code THANKS10.**

Please name your child's school uniform and coats. We have a lot of unnamed uniform in our lost property box!



**FOR NEWSLETTER FOR ALL PARENTS FROM SCHOOLS**

If you consider that there are exceptional circumstances relating to your request, please let the school have full details. Each application for a leave of absence will be considered on a case by case basis.

**Penalty Notices to Address Poor Attendance at School**

A Penalty Notice may be issued as an alternative to the prosecution of a parent/carer for their child's unauthorised absence from school (absence without the agreement of the school or not covered by a medical note) and will be used by Surrey County Council in the following circumstances :-

1. Pupils identified by police and Attendance Advice Officers (formerly Education Welfare Officers) engaged on Truancy Patrols and who have incurred unauthorised absences.
2. Leave of absence in term time (5 days or 10 sessions or more).

**Please be aware that The Education (Pupil Registration)(England)(Amendment) Regulations 2013, which became law on 01 September 2013 state that Headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances.**

**The Headteacher is also required to determine the number of school days a child can be away from school if leave is granted.**

In such cases the Headteacher/Governing Body must decide whether there are exceptional circumstances. They may request that Surrey County Council issue Penalty Notices when the absence is not authorised.

Warnings will not be given where it can be shown that parents have been notified that such absences will not be authorised.

3. Finally, the issuing of a Penalty Notice will also be considered where it is judged that a parent is failing to ensure their child's regular school attendance.

This will be considered when a pupil has incurred 10 or more unauthorised sessions in the previous 10 school weeks, which may include a pupil arriving late after close of registration.

If you believe at any stage that your child's absence from school may leave you liable to receive a Penalty Notice, it is extremely important that you act without delay to secure their regular attendance.

If you have any questions or require further support to achieve an improvement in your child's attendance, please contact your child's school or the Attendance Advice Officer.

**Penalty Notice relating to Exclusions**

If a child is excluded from school, Section 103 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 places a duty on parents/carers to ensure that their child is not in a public place without justifiable cause during school hours.

This duty applies to the **first five days of each exclusion**. Failure to do so will render the parent/carer liable to a Penalty Notice. (Alternative education provision will be made available from the sixth day of any exclusion.)

**Amount Payable for a Penalty Notice and Consequences for repeat unauthorised absences**

1. If you have not incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children [in a rolling 3 year period](#) since 19 August 2024, then the penalty notice will be charged at the rate of £160.00, **per parent/carer per child**, if paid within 28 days. This will be reduced to £80.00 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.
2. If you have incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children since 19 August 2024, the rolling 3 year period will be activated from the date of the first penalty notice and the second penalty notice will be charged at the flat rate of £160.00, **per parent/carer per child**, if paid within 28 days. There will be no reduction for payment within 21 days. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.
3. If you have incurred 2 penalty notices relating to this child/children in the rolling 3 year period since the first penalty notice was issued, then you will NOT receive a third penalty notice – Surrey County Council will have no option but to consider a prosecution, **per parent/carer per child**, in the Magistrates Court under s 444 Education Act 1996.

**Surrey County Council is not responsible for authorising pupil absence and therefore cannot withdraw any Penalty Notice requests without the written permission of the Headteacher.**

Advice and support is available from an Attendance Advice Officer by contacting Surrey Attendance Service as follows :-

North West - Tel: 01483 518130    South West - Tel: 01483 517179  
North East - Tel: 01372 833588    South East - Tel: 01737 737777